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Construction may delay traffic passing over area Snake River dams

Clarkston, Wash. - Drivers crossing the Snake River using the roadways over Little Goose Dam and Lower Granite Dam, should expect periodic delays at times throughout September and October, according to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project operations official here.

"These traffic delays are due to construction and maintenance work going on at the dams. These interruptions could last up to an hour at times and will occur intermittently, said Charlie Krahenbuhl, operations manager for the two dams. "The roadways may be reduced to one lane."

Safety for workers at the dam and for vehicle operators and their passengers is important to the Army Corps of Engineers.

"We want to urge the public to use caution at all times while crossing the dam. Heavy equipment will be in use which could pose a potential hazard for drivers. Also, construction workers may be crossing back and forth along the roadway and may not see vehicles until it's too late, so it's important for their safety that drivers remember to watch carefully and drive slowly," said Dan Forge, a Corps construction site superintendent here.

Roads across the tops of dams are not always marked like standard highways, so drivers should pay close attention to the situation and their surroundings. For more information, call the Corps' administrative office here at (509) 751-0240.

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